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In re Application of: **Randall Kent et al.** )  
Application No. **09/533,547** )  
Filed: **March 23, 2000** )  
For: **Methods for Sterilizing Biological Materials** )

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application 09/533,547 filed March 23, 2000, entitled Methods for Sterilizing Biological Materials.

1. Please consider and enter the attached Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.
2. Extension of Time: The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply. Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time from January 18, 2006 to March 18, 2006, the fee for which is \$225.00 as set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a). If Applications have overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, please consider this a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This request is being filed under the next business day rule on Monday, March 20, 2006 as the due date for responding fell on a Saturday (March 18, 2006).
3. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16):

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Remaining		Previously Paid	Extra	Rate	Total Fees
Total Claims	30	minus	168	0	\$50.00 each=	0.00
Independent Claims	3	minus	3	0	\$200.00 each=	0.00
First presentation of Multiple dependent claim						\$360.00
						Sub-total = 0.00
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by a small entity						0.00
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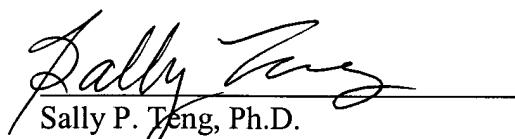
4. Additional papers submitted:
  - (i) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).
  - (ii) Form PTO-1449
  - (iii) Copies of 3 documents.
  - (iv) Communication Filed With Request for Continued Examination
5. Fee Payment: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$620.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the two-month extension of time fee (\$225.00) and the request for continued examination filing fee (\$395.00), both fees at the small entity rate.
6. Please address all correspondence to:

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7. Constructive Petition: **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **Constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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